SUBJECT No. 20.

Remission of assessment on wet lands.

Messrs. (a) Madar Sab, Gubbi taluk; (b) Byre Gowda, Vembraliah and Dodda Rame Gowda, Kolar taluk; (c) K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk; (d) Sura Sastri, Chikballapur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The [illegible] *forward and discussed every year. It is really* hard on the raiyats to pay the assessment whether they get any crops or not. *Half the wet assessment may* therefore be *remitted in the case of wet lands left uncultivated* for *want of water. Early orders* may be passed.

(*b*) In maidan districts, the raiyats scarcely reap a wet crop even once in three or four years and yet are paying *banjar* kandayam with a view to save their ancestral property. *Tari Banjar* remission may be allowed after enquiring into the real condition of the raiyats of the districts so affected.

(*c*) No doubt rates are based on average. But we never had such exceptional seasons as we have been experiencing during the last few years. Even in Bombay, whose Revenue system we have adopted, the rules have been changed.

(*d*) The wet rates are very high and the out-turn is poor.

Reply of Government.—If specific cases are brought to notice they will be investigated. Such investigation has already been ordered in the case of some tanks in the Kolar District. Reduction of achkats is one of the modes of giving relief. The whole subject will receive special consideration of Government during the coming year.

SUBJECT No. 21.

Discontinuance of irrigation cess on wet lands depending on rain and private sources of irrigation.

Mr. Hema Hanumántiah, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Irrigation cess is indiscriminately levied on all the lands classed as wet notwithstanding that some of such lands depend for their water-supply upon rain and private wells and not upon Government sources of irrigation. This is really a great hardship. The levy of irrigation cess on wet lands purely depending on rain and private sources of irrigation may be discontinued as in the case of *khushki bagayet* lands.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 22.

Utilization of Irrigation Cess Fund in the taluk in which it is realized.

Mr. Herur Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 23.

Preparation of a list of dry cultivable lands under the Krishnaraja Sagara.

Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A list of dry plots of cultivable lands measuring about 100 acres each, above the Krishnaraja Sagara channel may be prepared and made available for the formation of large landed estates by enterprising men of limited means for cultivation with the help of pumping installations worked by Electricity.

Reply of Government.—Noted.